

Application No.: 10/079,443

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REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending. Claims 16-38 are canceled without prejudice as directed to a nonelected invention. Claims 1, 4, 6-9, and 11-13 are rejected. Claims 2, 3, 5, 10, and 14-15 are objected to. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation from claim 2. Claim 2 has hence been canceled. Claim 3 has been amended to correctly indicate the claim dependency. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the canceled claims and/or the subject matter contained therein, in one or more divisional/ continuation applications.

Based on Examiner's statements in the March 15, 2006 office action, it is Applicants' belief that the amendment to claim 1 renders the pending claims allowable over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee in connection with this paper to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (064422-5002US).

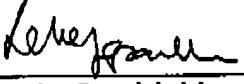
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